

### TEACHERS COERCED

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE? TEACHERS TOLD THEY MUST SIGN.

Petitions were circulated some time ago by the supervising principals of the colored schools. Teachers were told that it was the wish and desire of the colored superintendent of schools that they sign the petitions presented to them by the colored supervisors.

Many of the teachers refused to sign the petition in its present shape. It is said that many threats were made to the teachers did not sign, and notwithstanding such threats there were many of the teachers that stood upon their constitutional rights.

The Senate Committee that will soon investigate the schools will no doubt summon those teachers who refused to sign the petition and ask them why and by whose authority the petition was presented.

This information may be obtained from the colored supervising principals who circulated the petition. One teacher especially was reprimanded by a colored official because she had declined to sign.

It is not believed that the Board of Education has anything to do with these petitions, and it is not presumed that any authority was given the colored school officials by Mr. Stuart to circulate this petition among the colored teachers.

### DR. WASHINGTON AT HOWARD.

Dr. Booker T. Washington delivered an unusually eloquent and comprehensive address on Tuesday of last week to the faculty and student-body of Howard University on the practical aspect of education and life.

The spacious auditorium of Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel was packed to its utmost capacity, rivaling the immense throng which greeted President Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Garfield on the occasion of the inauguration of President Thirkield in November. On the platform were Justice Job Barnard, president of the Board of Trustees of the University; Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, of Gallaudet College; Rev. J. G. Butler, of Luther Place Memorial Church; Rev. Dr. F. J. Grimke, Professor Chickering, Prof. J. H. N. Waring of Baltimore, and many others of like prominence.

Dr. Washington was never in better voice and seemed keenly alive to the spirit of optimism and cheer that pervaded the entire proceedings. He was accorded an ovation upon entering the hall and it is safe to say that few addresses, if any were ever received with more enthusiastic interest. Once again he may be said to have made "the speech of his life." He spoke along his usual lines of self-helpfulness, impressing the value of industry and the dignity of labor, and the liberal applause indicated that he had won a host of new friends and admirers. He said, among other pertinent things:

*How the Negro May Achieve Independence*

"A Negro should have faith in himself. Go out into the world, students of Howard, and make a place for yourselves. Don't rely on getting a position from a white man. Be independent. Go into a business that will make you independent, even if you have to borrow the money to do it. If you have chosen a profession which you wish to follow the rest of your lives, go to the South. There is greater opportunity there for the man with a profession than in any section of the country. Go into a community where you are needed, where the white man has not been before you. Don't stay in Washington, where every calling is overcrowded. There is one physician to every 258 persons in this city. In the South you have an abundance of opportunities to be useful, not only to yourselves, but to every member of your race."

*President Thirkield Endorsed.*  
Before entering upon the main thread of his magnificent address, Dr. Washington was introduced in felicitous style by President Thirkield, and gave the new administration and work of the institution the following hearty and sincere endorsement:

"I am glad to be here," said Dr. Washington. "I wish to take this occasion to express my regret at not being able to be present when your president was inaugurated some weeks ago."

"I am glad to be officially connected with this university; a great university; one that has back of it a unique history; one that has back of it a record of continued usefulness."

"I feel very much at home with you. I believe in your president largely for the reason that I have known him in the South for many years, have work-

ed with him, have watched his career, and especially have I noted his deep and unflinching interest in all that concerns the welfare of our race. While in the South, at the head of one of our largest and most important institutions, his course was characterized by wisdom, prudence and courage, and I am glad to note that the same qualities which made his work so successful in the South are being manifested at the head of this great university, which we must all strive to make the pride of our race. I believe in his policies. I believe in the work of this university, and I am grateful to you, my fellow-members of the Trustee Board, for permitting me to have some little part in this great work which you are undertaking. Wherever and whenever my voice or my acts can in any slight degree contribute toward the further upbuilding and further strengthening of this institution, you have but to call upon me and my voice and my body will be at your service." (Applause, long and enthusiastic.)

### Busy Day.

Dr. Washington put in a busy day while in the city. Besides delivering the address above mentioned, he attended an important meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University, of which he is a member. The Board took up a number of matters of great moment, prominent among them a consideration of the conditions relative to the acceptance of Andrew Carnegie's generous gift of \$50,000 for a new library building. Arrangements of a satisfactory nature were agreed upon, and the actual work of erecting the structure will be commenced as soon as the designs can be prepared and passed on. Dr. Thirkield, president of the institution, reported that the work was in an unusually favorable condition. The present enrollment is 1,020, the largest in the history of the school, and that the faculty, the students and the people within the sphere of Howard's beneficent influence were never in heartier accord. The curriculum has been materially improved and the standard of the personnel of the students have been raised by judicious elimination, and that all departments are reaping gratifying results. The alumni is taking hold vigorously of the plan for raising \$25,000 for the new Science Hall, to cost \$100,000, as authorized by the Board of Trustees. The accommodations are sadly overtaxed, and a new hall is absolutely needed. The College of Arts and Sciences has increased from 62 in 1906 to beyond the 100 mark. Dr. Kelly Miller has been made Dean and is carrying on the work with his well-known vigor and ability.

Dr. Thirkield expressed himself as being especially pleased with the tangible evidences of prosperity and increased popular interest in the school, growing out of the presence of Dr. Washington on the Board of Trustees, looking upon such an acquisition as an earnest of the broadening scope of the university, and the formal recognition of the natural kinship of the spiritual and material elements that go to make the well-rounded man of affairs.

### MUST PAY UP.

*Hereafter Newspaper Subscriptions All Must be Paid in Advance to Go Through the Mails.*

Under a recent ruling of the United States Postoffice Department, all subscriptions to newspapers must be paid in advance. If they are not paid in advance it will require a one-cent stamp on each newspaper to send it through the mail. The following is the section of the postal law:

Section 436-3—A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after the term for which they are paid, within the following periods:

Dailies, within three months; they shall not be counted in the legitimate list of subscribers, and copies mailed on account thereof shall not be accepted for mailing at the second class postage rate of one cent a pound, but may be mailed at the transient second class postage rate of one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed.

This means that after the first of April newspaper subscriptions will have to be prepaid. Subscribers will save annoyance by getting on the safe side of the calendar.

### PROFESSOR GRAY.

The Bee has just received a beautiful New Year card from Prof. J. H. Gray, of Philadelphia, author and poet. On the inside leaf of the card is a beautiful poem, entitled "The Year That Is Gone." The Bee extends its congratulations to its friend, Professor Gray.

### READ THE BEE.

### WAR WITH JAPAN

IN THE EVENT OF WAR WITH JAPAN WILL COLORED AMERICANS BE ENLISTED?

There is every indication that the United States and Japan will have a bloody conflict. Just how soon this conflict will occur is a conjecture. In the event that Japan and the United States go to war, The Bee would like to know if colored Americans who are discriminated against will be enlisted? Will the Government believe that colored men who have shown their superior fighting qualities be enlisted?

In no war between the United States and other nations has the colored American been found wanting. Perhaps an attempt will be made to enlist the colored man and make breastworks of him to protect the white soldiers from the attacks of shots. Japan is preparing for war and the United States might as well prepare to meet the exigencies of this coming war. It will be



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a fight to the finish. Japan, intoxicated over the victory of the Russians, will enter blindly a rebellious attack against the United States.

Will Vardaman, Tillman and others like them lead a Southern army to Japan? They claim to be brave and defiant. They have no regard for law or order. When they attack the colored American they pretend that they have valor or courage. Will they show it in such a contest with Japan? Tillman and Vardaman claim that they possess superior courage to any Southerner.

The Japanese are purchasing coal, and when they attack the United States you may depend on it that they are well prepared.

### WHO SENT THEM?

There was much merriment created at the last session of the Board of Education. It will be remembered that the teachers showed their dislike for Mrs. Mary Church Terrell by not honoring her with flowers as they did certain other members of the Board. Upon the table in the Board room, in front of Mrs. Terrell, was a bunch of American Beauty roses last week. The inscription on the card read like this: "For your services in behalf of the teachers," etc. There was no name attached to the card, and who sent them no one knows; but Mrs. Terrell, the lady who seems to be one of the most officious members of the Board, was determined that she should not be outdone.

Just what Mrs. Terrell has done for the teachers who claimed to have sent her those flowers the investigation committee of the Senate will do doubt make an inquiry. It is not presumed that the chairman of the recent reception committee honored her with those American Beauty roses, or any member of her committee.

Will the lady inform The Bee who graced her space with those American Beauty roses? The people no doubt would be pleased to know.

### CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES WHO THEY ARE, AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR.

Every four years the local politicians get the political fever. Many of them are never heard from until the election of delegates comes around. They never present their claims to the voters until this time.

In the coming contest there are several aspirants for delegates to the National Republican Convention, and many of them advance certain reasons why they should be elected. Heretofore many of these candidates did not know the coming people, but now it is amusing to see so many of them recognizing and speaking with high degree politicians, the common gutter snipes who heretofore never were known.

Among some of those who have announced their candidacy are:

First—Dr. J. H. Wilder, who came to this city several years ago from Charleston, S. C. He went to Howard University and graduated in medicine. He belongs to the blue-vein element in South Carolina. His alternate is Rev.

The local statesmen are at sea. Many of them are holding side-show meetings to impress candidates that they carry all the votes in their vest pockets. One of these local statesmen called to see a distinguished Republican a few weeks ago and informed him if he should run on the ticket with another certain Republican, his district, which he carries in his vest pocket, will defeat him. This local statesman has not received his pardon as yet. There are others like him who are impediments to Republican success and injurious to the party. For these reasons there are hundreds of white and colored Republicans of character and reputation who refuse to take active part in local politics. These have become disgusted at the manner in which they are approached for money. Many of these are in the skin game, and if candidates have any sense they will not be skinned by these Shylocks, whose stock in local politics is dishonesty.

It is evident that the Board of Election will conduct the election in a satisfactory manner, and that Chairman Bieber will do his best to satisfy everybody.

### NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

The plans for the proposed National Training and Industrial Institute to be established in the District of Columbia for colored boys and girls, of which Rev. S. Geriah Lamkins, of the Tenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., is the promoter, are being carried out in a most definite and encouraging manner. A bill asking for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the establishment of this school was introduced in Congress Monday, January 20, by Senator H. C. Lodge, of Massachusetts. Justice Ashley M. Gould, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, presided at a large mass-meeting which was held Sunday, January 20, at Belasco Theatre, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of showing to the Congressmen and Senators the great desire on the part of the people for the establishment of such a school as the one proposed. In his introductory remarks Justice Gould said: "The day has passed in this country, as it passed many years ago in Europe, when it is necessary to say anything in favor of industrial training and industrial education, so that there is no person within the sound of my voice who needs to be told that the cause which is being advocated here this afternoon is one that should merit the enthusiastic support of every good citizen, whatever his creed or whatever his color. Anyone familiar with local conditions, moreover, does not question that the District of Columbia is the most fitting place for a national school which shall exemplify the work that has been carried on so nobly at Hampton Institute, and by Professor Washington, farther South."

Dr. Wilbur P. Thirkield, president of Howard University who was then introduced, said: "I want to give my word of testimony showing my confidence in the trustworthy and high character of the good man who stands behind this noble work for the uplifting of his people. He came to me some time ago to ask me to take a place upon the Board of Trustees. I did not have time then to look thoroughly into the plans for this enterprise, but when I saw such names as he has secured, in the persons of Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland, Gen. John B. Henderson, John Joy Edson, Brainard H. Warner, Cuno H. Rudolph, Judge William H. Delacey, Professor Needham, president of George Washington University; Justice Ashley M. Gould, Prof. Kelly Miller, Dr. William V. Eunnelly, Bishop George W. Clinton, Mr. Thomas Walker, Hon. William E. Curtis of the Chicago Record-Herald, composing the Board of Trustees, I felt that it must be an enterprise that was worth the co-operation of all good men. There is hardly such a thing as high education and low education, but all education in a sense is one. Education is simply reaching men and drawing out the best that is in them. I think with Spencer, 'Education is preparing a man for complete living.' Dr. Thirkield then mentioned the history of Helen Keller's educational development and the noble work done by the teacher who laid down her life beside that of Helen Keller until the final consummation, shown by the graduation of Miss Keller from Radcliffe College, Harvard University.

The other speakers were Rev. Richard D. Harlen, Prof. H. V. Tunnelly, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, and Rev. Abram Simons.

Illustrious H. L. Livingston, Shiek of Mecca Oasis, Washington, D. C., has departed to the Unseen Temple. Sharif

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### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

By Miss Beatrice L. Chase.

With all the improvements in the mode of traveling there is a much greater loss of human life today than in years gone by when there were few conveniences. It is predicted that "in the next five years 60,000 will be killed and 625,000 injured on the railroads according to the present rate."

The school affairs of the District of Columbia have at last reached Congress, after all we have succeeded in getting a representative in Congress, if we cannot vote. Quite clear?

The many crimes committed here in the past few days make things look like Washington, the Capital of the Nation, is in need of missionaries and policemen.

Last Wednesday was generally observed as McKinley Day, and carnations were in evidence in all directions. The custom was established by the organization of the Carnation League of America. The carnation being Mr. McKinley's favorite flower.

Rev. Dickerson of this city preached at the Third Baptist Church, Philadelphia, a few Sundays ago.

Bishop C. H. Phillips, of the C. M. E. Church, celebrated the fifth anniversary birthday, January 17.

The Kentucky Standard says: "Brother R. W. Thompson took occasion to gratuitously state that the Standard is irrevocably in favor of a certain candidate."

The Right Worthy Grand Council, I. O. of St. Luke, home office at Richmond, Va., paid death claims for the month of January over \$5,000, and more than \$500 of that amount was paid in the District of Columbia.

The United States Supreme Court holds that corporations engaged in interstate commerce cannot be restrained from discharging employees because they are members of labor unions nor from discriminating again them for the same reason.

When George P. Wetmore took the oath of office as United States Senator from Rhode Island the membership of the Senate was increased to ninety-two, which is the largest in the history of the country.

The Supreme Court will take next Monday a recess of three weeks.

On account of the recent outbreak of smallpox in the District, the health officer has been obliged to swear in a number of men to serve as watchmen to keep strict quarantine over the places where cases of the disease have been located.

The Portuguese Premier, upon the advice of the police, sleeps in a different house, carefully guarded, each night.

Mrs. Sarah Dean La Fetra, a member of the committee of the Women's Interdenominational Union of the District of Columbia, has made an appeal for a "Greater Washington." She has addressed a letter to the Commissioners, in which she says that "she is unhesitatingly in favor of the entire abolition of the saloon."

William T. Belt, chief of the local fire department, with an escort of seventy members of his department, went to Baltimore last Monday to attend the funeral of Lieutenant Marmon and Private Pugh, of the Baltimore Fire Department.

At a dinner of the New York State Bar Association at the Waldorf-Astoria, last Saturday evening, Ambassador Joseph M. Choate said: "President Roosevelt should either name eminent malefactors whom he denounces, or stop denouncing them."

The funeral services of Edward McDowell took place from St. George's Church, New York, last week. Many people of prominence in the musical and literary circle attended.

About 200 mechanics and helpers have been dropped from the Navy Yard roll, owing to the lack of money.

The Chinese New Year began today and the celebration is to continue for one week. It is said to be almost entirely social in its nature.

Ouida (Louise de la Ramée) the novelist died last Saturday at Viareggio, Italy, after a lingering illness. It is said she died in most distressing poverty.

A number of the foreign laborers are leaving the United States for their native countries on account of lack of employment. Many have been thrown out of work on the completion of a large portion of it.

It is stated that the right of the Salvation Army of the United States, of which General Booth is the head, to the exclusive use of that or any similar name was denied last week by Justice Newburger in the Supreme Court of New York.